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Subject: Studio City

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From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your hard work on this complicated task before you.

I live in Studio City in the San Fernando Valley. According to your June 10th maps, Studio City has been split in half between two senate districts – LASCV and LADNT. We would like you to make Studio City whole, in one district, LACSV, connecting it to the other San Fernando Valley cities along the Ventura Blvd. and 101 freeway corridors. Studio City has nothing in common, no community of interest with the north half of the LASCV map (Santa Clarita, Castaic, Gorman), nor with LADNT (downtown and southern communities).

Our community of interest is with the cities running along the 101 freeway corridor and along the north and south side of the Santa Monica Mountains. This has been our community of interest for the past 20 years. We commute back and forth over the mountains for schools, shopping, education, parks, religious and cultural institutions, using the 405 freeway, the Pacific Coast highway, and the mountain roads (Beverly Glen, Coldwater Canyon, Laurel Canyon, Sepulveda, Topanga Canyon). We share our community in the southern SFV, Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Tarzana, Woodland Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, along with the south side of Mulholland – West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Westwood, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, and Malibu. Together we share transportation corridors and environmental, L.A. River, and Santa Monica Mountains priorities.

Please make our one Senate district by nesting the two proposed Assembly districts – Thousand Oaks – Santa Monica Mountains and the West Side-Santa Monica districts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bilson

Address



Studio City, CA 91604

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Thank you for your participation in this important process that will affect all of us for the next 10 years!!

Laurie

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Dear California Redistricting Commission:

Frank Ferry
Councilmember

I am writing to you regarding the first draft of legislative district maps the California Redistricting Commission released on Friday, June 10, 2011. First and foremost, on behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I want to thank the Commissioners for acting favorably on the testimony that we previously provided to you in person on April 30 and May 1, and again through additional written testimony on May 23. The Santa Clarita City Council, on behalf of our 176,320 residents, requested that the City of Santa Clarita not be divided among two or more legislative districts. The first round of maps demonstrates that you honored our request by placing the City of Santa Clarita and the majority of the surrounding Santa Clarita Valley within single Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization Districts. We appreciate the commission's efforts in retaining the integrity of our City's borders and communities of interest.

Bob Kellar
Councilmember

Laurene Weste
Councilmember

We are, however, concerned about the first draft of congressional district maps that were created for our area. The City of Santa Clarita currently finds itself contained within two different congressional districts. The majority of our community is contained within the proposed Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita district. However, approximately 18% of our residents find themselves separated from their neighbors, having been placed in the proposed West San Fernando Valley/Calabasas congressional district. We are extremely concerned that neighborhoods within the City of Santa Clarita are being divided. There is a strong sense of community among all the residents of Santa Clarita and we believe it is appropriate that the entire City of Santa Clarita be placed within the proposed Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita congressional district.

We estimate that approximately 31,340 people in Santa Clarita are currently part of the proposed West San Fernando Valley/Calabasas Congressional District. We strongly urge that these residents be placed into the proposed Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita district and commensurate population adjustments are made to the proposed districts in Ventura County and the San Fernando Valley.



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We know the residents of the San Fernando Valley are concerned about having their communities divided and an opportunity certainly exists, with some minor modifications to the proposed maps, to keep neighborhoods in the City of Santa Clarita and the San Fernando Valley in single districts that are reflective of their communities of interest.

Since the Santa Clarita Valley is a self-contained geographic area, the residents of the incorporated and unincorporated areas share many unifying conditions, including geographic, economic, social, climatic, watershed, and political boundaries. Again, by placing the entire Santa Clarita Valley community within a single congressional district, the Commission will be able to successfully meet one of its key criteria, and preserve important neighborhood connections that have already been formed and will last for years to come.

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, thank you very much for your consideration of our comments and recommendations.

Sincerely,



Marsha McLean
Mayor

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